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WEST VIRGINIA AUGUST 1 CROP PRODUCTION FORECAST

WEST VIRGINIA -- All Other Hay production is forecast at 1,120,000 tons, up 15 percent from 2005. The area harvested is expected to total 560,000 acres, up 20,000 acres from 2005. Average yield per acre is forecast at 2.0 tons, up 0.2 of a ton from 2005.

Based on August 1 conditions, **apple** production is forecast at 90 million pounds, up 3 percent or 3 million pounds from 2005.

Peach production of 6,000 tons is carried forward from the July forecast.

UNITED STATES, AUGUST 1, 2006 FORECAST, WITH 2005 COMPARISONS

- Corn for grain production – 11.0 billion bushels, down 1 percent.
- Corn yield – 152.2 bushels per acre, up 4.3 bushels.
- Oats production – 107.4 million bushels, down 6 percent.
- Winter wheat production - 1.28 billion bushels, down 14 percent.
- Alfalfa and Alfalfa Mixtures hay production – 71.2 million tons, down 6 percent.
- Other hay production – 71.1 million tons, down 5 percent.
- Apple production – 9.62 billion pounds, down 2 percent.
- Peach production (Including Clingstone) – 1.05 million tons, down 11 percent.
- Peach production (Excluding Clingstone) – 673.8 thousand tons, down 4 percent.
- All tobacco production – 745.3 million pounds, up 15 percent.
- Burley tobacco production – 218.3 million pounds, up 7 percent.
- Soybean production – 2.93 billion bushels, down 5 percent.
- Barley production – 183.0 million bushels, down 14 percent.

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